

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Pastor John W. Long has spent 45 years in the Christian ministry, and can now look back on a distinguished career full of rich blessings and having been a blessing to many others; and,

Whereas, Twenty-five years of Pastor Long's ministry was spent serving in faith and love to the parishioners of the Morningside Community Church in Brookings, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Morningside Community Church honored Pastor Long on May 4, 2003, with a retirement celebration; and,

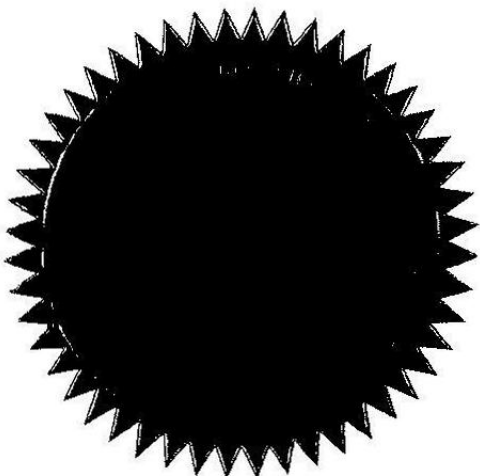
Whereas, Pastor Long and his wife, Delores, will soon move to Brandon, South Dakota, to be closer to the activities of their family; and,

Whereas, Pastor Long will serve in his official capacity as Pastor of the Morningside Community Church for the last time on Sunday, June 1, 2003, but all are aware that the ties that have been so tightly bound these past 25 years will not be severed by the miles that will separate them:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2003, as

PASTOR JOHN W. LONG DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well and thanking him for sharing his time and many talents with others.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State